



REQUEST FOR BID
DATE 10/20/2015
BID # 15-0641

RETURN BY BID OPENING TIME TO:

PURCHASING DIVISION
100 CITY HALL
Duluth, MN 55802

PHONE: 218-730-5340
FAX: 218-730-5921

**City Wide Street Lighting Upgrades
1493**

BID OPENING DATE AT 2:00 P.M. Local Time ON November 12, 2015

Note: all bids must be written, signed and transmitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the bid number, subject matter, and opening date. The City of Duluth reserves the right to split award where there is a substantial savings to the City, waive informalities and to reject any and all bids. Bidder should state in proposal if bid price is based on acceptance of total order. Sales tax is not to be included in the unit price. Bidder to state freight chargers if the proposal F.O.B. is shipping point, freight not allowed. Low bid will not be the only consideration for award of bid. All pages shall be signed or initialed by authorized bidder's representative as indicated at the bottom of the page(s) of the request for bid form.

RETURN BID IN DUPLICATE WITH DUPLICATE DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE
FOR BID RESULTS, ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH BID

BID DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS: 5% OF BID AMOUNT

Deposit shall mean cash, cashier's check or corporate surety bond payable to or in favor of the City of Duluth.

A PERFORMANCE BOND AND A PAYMENT BOND shall be required of the successful bidder, BOTH in the full amount of the bid.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE required per attached requirements.

Designated F.O.B. Point:

Engineering Division

Tax:

Federal Excise Tax Exemption

Jobsite(s)

Account No. 41-74-0056 K

Vendor Email Address: _____ FREIGHT CHARGE \$ _____

NAME: _____

TOTAL BID PRICE # _____

ADDR1: _____

TO INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES.

ADDR2: _____

ADDR3: _____

BY: _____

PAYMENT TERMS \$ _____

(Print)

(Title)

F.O.B. POINT \$ _____

(Signature)

(Tele. #)

DELIVERY DATE \$ _____

****NOTE: Please self-identify as an MBE ____ or WBE ____ by checking if applicable.**

The City of Duluth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

C I T Y O F D U L U T H

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*****SCHEDULE OF PRICES*****

City Wide Street Lighting Upgrades

City Project No. 1493
 Bid No. 15-0641

Make all extensions and total the bid.

Item No.	Spec. #	Qty	U/OM	Item Description	Unit Price	Total Price
001		1	Each	Exhibit A (Must Be Returned With The Bid)	\$ _____	\$ _____
						TOTAL \$ _____

ADDENDUM RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADDENDUM NO. _____, DATED _____

ADDENDUM NO. _____, DATED _____

ADDENDUM NO. _____, DATED _____

TOTAL BID IN WORDS:

CONTRACTOR NAME:

THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO ALL OF THE
 PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT
 DOCUMENTS. ENCLOSED HERewith FIND A
 CERTIFIED CHECK OR BID BOND IN THE
 AMOUNT OF AT LEAST 5% OF THE AMOUNT OF
 PROPOSAL MADE PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF
 DULUTH AS A PROPOSAL GUARANTEE WHICH IT
 (see additional page(s))

 (Initial)

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IS AGREED BY THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE
FORFEITED IN THE EVENT THE FORM OF
CONTRACT AND BOND IS NOT EXECUTED, IF
AWARDED TO THE UNDERSIGNED.

**The bidder hereby certifies that he/she has received or viewed on-line
the 2015 edition of the City of Duluth Public Works/Utilities Department
Engineering Division Construction Standards including supplements
and has incorporated the terms hereof in its bid.**

SIGNED: _____ FOR

A PARTNERSHIP (OR)

A CORPORATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE
LAWS OF THE STATE OF:

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRES. _____
SECRETARY _____
TREASURER _____

ADDRESS(ES)

BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT
THERE ARE NO OTHER PERSONS COMPRISING
ABOVE COMPANY OR FIRM THAN THE ABOVE
NAMES, AND THAT THERE ARE NO PERSONS
OR CORPORATIONS INTERESTED IN THE
FORGOING PROPOSALS, EITHER AS PRINCIPAL
OR SUBCONTRACTOR, OTHER THAN THE ABOVE
NAMES; ALSO THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE MADE
WITHOUT ANY CONNECTION WITH ANY PERSON
OR PERSONS MAKING ANY PROPOSAL FOR THE
ABOVE WORK; THAT THEY ARE IN ALL
RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR
FRAUD; AND THAT NO PERSON ACTING IN ANY
OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH
IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INTERESTED
THEREIN, OR IN ANY PORTION OF THE PROFIT
THEREOF.

(see additional page(s))

(Initial)

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DAY OF A.D.,

IMPORTANT NOTE BIDDERS:
PLEASE DISREGARD THE NOTE ON PAGE 1
REGARDING SALES TAX FOR THIS BID. ALL
APPLICABLE SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ARE
TO BE INCLUDED IN BID PRICING. ALSO,
ALL BIDS ARE TO BE F.O.B. JOBSITE.
THE BLANK ON PAGE ONE FOR FREIGHT IS TO
TO BE LEFT BLANK.

Delivery Contact: Cari Pedersen
Engineering
218-730-5091

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EXHIBIT A
Schedule of Prices

Line No.	Spec. No.	Description	Unit	Est. Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
1	2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1		
2	2545.531	UNDERGROUND WIRE 1 COND NO 12	LIN FT	48,200		
3	2545.602	INSTALL LED LUMINAIRE - HOLOPHANE PTU POST TOP	EACH	35		
4	2545.602	INSTALL LED LUMINAIRE - LEOTEK ARIETA	EACH	15		
5	2545.602	INSTALL LED LUMINAIRE - HOLOPHANE WASHINGTON POST TOP	EACH	5		
6	2545.602	INSTALL LED LUMINAIRE - HALLBROOK PENDANT LED LUMINAIRE & ARM ASSEMBLY	EACH	30		
7	2545.602	INSTALL LED RETROFIT KIT - HOLOPHANE BERN PENDANT	EACH	26		
8	2545.602	INSTALL LED RETROFIT KIT - HOLOPHANE GRANVILLE	EACH	216		
9	2545.602	INSTALL LED RETROFIT KIT - STERNBERG 1910 LED PENDANT	EACH	8		
10	2545.602	INSTALL LED RETROFIT KIT - STERNBERG G793 LED ACORN	EACH	98		
11	2545.602	INSTALL LED RETROFIT KIT - SUN VALLEY LCGR LED ACORN	EACH	49		
12	2545.602	INSTALL NEW LIGHTING CONTROLLER	EACH	464		
13	2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1		

TOTAL: _____

AFFIDAVIT AND INFORMATION REQUIRED OF BIDDERS

Affidavit of Non-Collusion:

I hereby swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury:

- 1) That I am the bidder (if the bidder is an individual), a partner in the bidder (if the bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority to sign on its behalf (if the bidder is a corporation);
- 2) That the attached bid or bids have been arrived at by the bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion with and without agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor or materials, supplied, equipment or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition;
- 3) That the contents of the bid or bids have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid or bids and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids; and
- 4) That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

Signed: _____

Firm Name: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me before this ____ day of _____, _____

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

My commission expires: _____

Bidder's E.I. Number _____

(Number used on employer's quarterly Federal Tax return)

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
POLICY STATEMENT & COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

TO: City of Duluth, Minnesota **PROJECT NUMBER & DESCRIPTION** _____

FROM: _____

(FIRM's name, address, telephone number)

A) Employment: It is the policy of the above named FIRM to afford equal opportunity for employment to all individuals regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, status with respect to public assistance and/or disability. The FIRM will take affirmative action to ensure that we will: (1) recruit, hire, and promote all job classifications without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, status with respect to public assistance, and/or disability, except where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification; (2) base decisions on employment so as to further the principle of equal employment opportunity; (3) ensure that promotion decisions are in accord with the principles of equal employment opportunity by imposing only valid requirements for promotional opportunities; (4) ensure that all personnel actions such as compensation, benefits, transfers, layoffs, return from layoff, FIRM sponsored training, education tuition assistance, social and recreational programs will be administered without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, status with respect to public assistance, and/or disability. The FIRM also intends full compliance with Veteran affirmative action requirements. Additionally, minority and female employees shall be encouraged to participate in all FIRM activities and refer applicants.

I have designated (name) _____ to direct the establishment of and to monitor the implementation of personnel procedures to guide the FIRM's affirmative action program. Where PROJECTS exceed \$500,000, this official shall also serve as the liaison officer that administers the FIRM's "Minority Business Enterprise Program." This official is charged with designing and implementing audit and reporting systems that will keep management informed on a monthly basis of the status of the equal opportunity area.

Supervisors have been made to understand that their work performance is being evaluated on the basis of their equal opportunity efforts and results, as well as other criteria. It shall be the responsibility of the FIRM and its supervisors to take actions to prevent harassment of employees placed through affirmative action efforts.

B) Reports: Unless exempted by law and regulation, the FIRM shall make available and file those reports related to equal opportunity as may be required by the City of Duluth and State and Federal compliance agencies. Requirements and Reports are defined in 41CFR60 "Compliance Responsibility for Equal Opportunity" published by the U. S. Department of Labor which is incorporated herein by reference. Additional requirements are defined in various State and Federal Civil Rights Legislation and Rules promulgated thereunder.

C) Nonsegregated Facilities: The FIRM certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments and that it does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The FIRM certifies that it will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments and that it will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The FIRM agrees that a breach of this

certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this certificate. As used in this Certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work area, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation for entertainment area, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

- D) Affirmative Action Compliance Program:** Unless exempted by regulation and law, the FIRM—if the FIRM has 50 or more employees and if the value of current contracts with the City of Duluth exceeds \$50,000—shall prepare and maintain a written affirmative action compliance program that meets the requirement as set forth in 41CFR60.
- E) Non-Compliance:** The FIRM certifies that it is not currently in receipt of any outstanding letters of deficiencies, show cause, probable cause, or other such notification of non-compliance with EEO Laws and Regulations.
- F) Employment Goals - "Construction" Projects:** It shall be the goal of the FIRM if the PROJECT is of a construction nature that in all on-site employment generated that no less than 3% of the on-site workforce will be minority employees and that no less than 7% of the on-site workforce will be female employees. Further, it is the goal of the FIRM if the PROJECT is of a construction nature that in all on-site employment generated that no less than 3% of the work hours generated shall be worked by minority employees and that no less than 7% of the work hours generated shall be worked by female employees.
- G) Subcontractors:** The FIRM will for all its PROJECT subcontractors regardless of tier (unless exempted by law and regulation) that received in excess of \$2,500 require that: (1) the subcontractor shall execute an "EEO Statement and Certification" similar in nature to this "Statement and Certification", (2) said documentation to be maintained on file with the FIRM or subcontractor as may be appropriate.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__ by:

Printed name and title

Signature

NOTE: In addition to the various remedies prescribed for violation of Equal Opportunity Laws, the penalty for false statements is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

ATTACHMENT A

RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

PROJECT TITLE: _____

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 7. **IMPLEMENTATION.** ... any prime contractor or subcontractor that does not meet the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project...

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 3. **RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR, MINIMUM CRITERIA.** "Responsible contractor" means a contractor that conforms to the responsibility requirements in the solicitation document for its portion of the work on the project and verifies that it meets the following minimum criteria:

- | | |
|-----|---|
| (1) | <p>The Contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) is in compliance with workers' compensation and unemployment insurance requirements;(ii) is currently registered with the Department of Revenue and the Department of Employment and Economic Development if it has employees;(iii) has a valid federal tax identification number or a valid Social Security number if an individual; and(iv) has filed a certificate of authority to transact business in Minnesota with the Secretary of State if a foreign corporation or cooperative. |
| (2) | <p>The contractor or related entity is in compliance with and, during the three-year period before submitting the verification, has not violated section 177.24, 177.25, 177.41 to 177.44, 181.13, 181.14, or 181.722, and has not violated United States Code, title 29, sections 201 to 219, or United States Code, title 40, sections 3141 to 3148. For purposes of this clause, a violation occurs when a contractor or related entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) repeatedly fails to pay statutorily required wages or penalties on one or more separate projects for a total underpayment of \$25,000 or more within the three-year period;(ii) has been issued an order to comply by the commissioner of Labor and Industry that has become final;(iii) has been issued at least two determination letters within the three-year period by the Department of Transportation finding an underpayment by the contractor or related entity to its own employees;(iv) has been found by the commissioner of Labor and Industry to have repeatedly or willfully violated any of the sections referenced in this clause pursuant to section 177.27;(v) has been issued a ruling or findings of underpayment by the administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor that have become final or have been upheld by an administrative law judge or the Administrative Review Board; or(vi) has been found liable for underpayment of wages or penalties or misrepresenting a construction worker as an independent contractor in an action brought in a court having jurisdiction. Provided that, if the contractor or related entity contests a determination of underpayment by the Department of Transportation in a contested case proceeding, a violation does not occur until the contested case proceeding has concluded with a determination that the contractor or related entity underpaid wages or penalties;* |

(3)	The contractor or related entity is in compliance with and, during the three-year period before submitting the verification, has not violated section 181.723 or chapter 326B. For purposes of this clause, a violation occurs when a contractor or related entity has been issued a final administrative or licensing order;*
(4)	The contractor or related entity has not, more than twice during the three-year period before submitting the verification, had a certificate of compliance under section 363A.36 revoked or suspended based on the provisions of section 363A.36, with the revocation or suspension becoming final because it was upheld by the Office of Administrative Hearings or was not appealed to the office;*
(5)	The contractor or related entity has not received a final determination assessing a monetary sanction from the Department of Administration or Transportation for failure to meet targeted group business, disadvantaged business enterprise, or veteran-owned business goals, due to a lack of good faith effort, more than once during the three-year period before submitting the verification;*
	* Any violations, suspensions, revocations, or sanctions, as defined in clauses (2) to (5), occurring prior to July 1, 2014, shall not be considered in determining whether a contractor or related entity meets the minimum criteria.
(6)	The contractor or related entity is not currently suspended or debarred by the federal government or the state of Minnesota or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions; and
(7)	All subcontractors that the contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the contractor through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer that they meet the minimum criteria listed in clauses (1) to (6).

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. **SUBCONTRACTOR VERIFICATION.**

A prime contractor or subcontractor shall include in its verification of compliance under subdivision 4 a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project.

If a prime contractor or any subcontractor retains additional subcontractors on the project after submitting its verification of compliance, the prime contractor or subcontractor shall obtain verifications of compliance from each additional subcontractor with which it has a direct contractual relationship and shall submit a supplemental verification confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7), within 14 days of retaining the additional subcontractors.

A prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority upon request copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors of any tier pursuant to subdivision 3, clause (7). A prime contractor and subcontractors shall not be responsible for the false statements of any subcontractor with which they do not have a direct contractual relationship. A prime contractor and subcontractors shall be responsible for false statements by their first-tier subcontractors with which they have a direct contractual relationship only if they accept the verification of compliance with actual knowledge that it contains a false statement.

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 4. **VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.**

A contractor responding to a solicitation document of a contracting authority shall submit to the contracting authority a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 at the time that it responds to the solicitation document.

A contracting authority may accept a sworn statement as sufficient to demonstrate that a contractor is a responsible contractor and shall not be held liable for awarding a contract in reasonable reliance on that statement. Failure to verify compliance with any one of the minimum criteria or a false statement under oath in a verification of compliance shall render the prime contractor or subcontractor that makes the false statement ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project for which the verification was submitted.

A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria may result in termination of a construction contract that has already been awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that submits a false statement. A contracting authority shall not be liable for declining to award a contract or terminating a contract based on a reasonable determination that the contractor failed to verify compliance with the minimum criteria or falsely stated that it meets the minimum criteria.

CERTIFICATION

By signing this document I certify that I am an owner or officer of the company, and I swear under oath that:

- 1) My company meets each of the Minimum Criteria to be a responsible contractor as defined herein and is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.285,**
- 2) I have included Attachment A-1 with my company's solicitation response, and**
- 3) if my company is awarded a contract, I will also submit Attachment A-2 as required.**

Authorized Signature of Owner or Officer:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

Company Name:

NOTE: Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 2, (c) If only one prime contractor responds to a solicitation document, a contracting authority may award a construction contract to the responding prime contractor even if the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 are not met.

ATTACHMENT A-1

FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACTORS LIST

SUBMIT WITH PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSE

PROJECT TITLE: _____

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. A prime contractor or subcontractor shall include in its verification of compliance under subdivision 4 a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. ...

FIRST TIER SUBCONTRACTOR NAMES (Legal name of company as registered with the Secretary of State)	Name of city where company home office is located

ATTACHMENT A-2

ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTORS LIST

PRIME CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT AS SUBCONTRACTORS ARE ADDED TO THE PROJECT

PROJECT TITLE: _____

This form must be submitted to the Project Manager or individual as identified in the solicitation document.

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. ... If a prime contractor or any subcontractor retains additional subcontractors on the project after submitting its verification of compliance, the prime contractor or subcontractor shall obtain verifications of compliance from each additional subcontractor with which it has a direct contractual relationship and shall submit a supplemental verification confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7), within 14 days of retaining the additional subcontractors. ...

ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTOR NAMES (Legal name of company as registered with the Secretary of State)	Name of city where company home office is located

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SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR ATTACHMENT A-2	
<p>By signing this document I certify that I am an owner or officer of the company, and I swear under oath that:</p> <p>All additional subcontractors listed on Attachment A-2 have verified through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer that they meet the minimum criteria to be a responsible contractor as defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.285.</p>	
Authorized Signature of Owner or Officer:	Printed Name:
Title:	Date:
Company Name:	

IMPORTANT- NOTICE TO BIDDER

On the envelope submitting your bid, it is imperative

1. That your name and address appear in the UPPER left corner.
2. That the bottom portion of this label be filled in and pasted on the LOWER left corner.

S E A L E D	BID NO.	B I D D E R
	DATE OF OPENING	
	TIME OF OPENING	
	DESCRIPTION	

City of Duluth Purchasing Division

General Specifications

The word "City" used in these specifications shall mean the city of Duluth and/or its Authorities.

1. Instruction to Bidders:

- A. All bids must be completed in a non-erasable format on the form provided by city of Duluth, errors are to be crossed out and initialed.
- B. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.
- C. The enclosed blue and white sticker must be placed on the outside of envelope.
- D. The bid envelope shall be addressed to the city of Duluth, Purchasing Division, Room 100 City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

2. Non-Collusion Clause:

Vendor, their agent/employee hereby agree to comply and fully perform in accordance with the law and state that they have not, directly or indirectly, entered into an agreement or understanding, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the proposal submitted with respect to the above-referenced invitation to bid. Vendor fully acknowledges that such an act of non-compliance may be deemed unlawful and would be considered a violation of the law and subject to prosecution.

3. Award of Contract - Rejection of Bids:

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest bid complying with the conditions of the Invitation for bids. The bidders, to whom the award is made, will be notified at the earliest possible date. The city of Duluth, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its interest.

5. Obligation of Bidder:

At the time of the opening of bids, each bidder will be presumed to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with the plans, specifications and contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to examine any form, instrument, or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to their bid.

6. Liquidated Damages for Failure to Enter into Contract:

The successful bidder, upon their failure or refusal to accept a purchase order or execute and deliver the contract and bonds required within 10 days after receipt of a notice of the acceptance of their bid, shall forfeit to the city, as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal, the security deposited with their bid (if required).

7. Completion of Bid Request:

The city may consider as irregular any bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the Bid Form hereto attached and at its option may reject the same.

8. E.E.O. Regulations:

Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity (E.E.O.) laws and regulations. Affirmative action must be taken to insure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

The city of Duluth is an equal opportunity employer.

9. Participation:

This document is intended to serve the city of Duluth, its Agents and Authorities. Each authority may issue their own purchase order and will be responsible for it. The City of Duluth Authorities are as follows:

- 1. Duluth Airport Authority
- 2. Spirit Mountain Recreational Area Authority
- 3. Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center
- 4. Duluth Transit Authority
- 5. Duluth Economic Development Authority
- 6. Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority

The city has a cooperative purchasing agreement with St. Louis county allowing the county to purchase from this bid when requested. St. Louis county will issue and be responsible for its own purchase orders.

10. Qualifications of Bidder

The city may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the city all such information and data for this purpose as the city may request. The city reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the city that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

11. Addenda and Interpretations

Responses to general questions and clarifications of bids may be made at the discretion of the city. However, no interpretation of the meaning of the specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any bidder orally.

Every request for such interpretation should be in writing and delivered or sent by facsimile to the city purchasing agent or the buyer shown on the bid request, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, and to be given consideration must be received at least five days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

12. Award of Contract - Rejection of Bids:

In determining the successful bidder, there will be considered in addition to price (per Ordinance 7050):

- A. The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract.
- B. The character, integrity, reputation, judgement, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- C. The quality of performance of previous contract.
- D. The sufficiency of the financial resources, equipment available and ability of the bidder to perform the contract.

13. Quantities:

The city reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of items on this bid as required. Any exception to this provision must be noted by the vendor in its bid or proposal.

14. Wages and Salaries:

A. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements concerning the payment of not less than the prevailing wage and salary rates specified in the contract documents and the conditions of employment with respect to certain categories and classifications of employees for all "Public Works" type projects estimated to exceed \$2,000.

B. The rates of pay set forth under General Conditions are the minimums to be paid during the life of the contract. It is therefore the responsibility of bidders to inform themselves as to local labor conditions, such as the length of work day and work week, overtime compensations, health and welfare contributions, labor supply, and prospective changes or adjustments of rates.

15. Validity of Bids:

All bids shall be valid for 60 days from the date of bid opening, unless an other period is noted in bid documents or if an extension is agreed upon, in writing prior to the end of the 60 day period.

16. Facsimile Bids:

Facsimile bids are acceptable if: bids are received at the designated facsimile number prior to the scheduled bid opening and an original copy of the bid, identical to the "faxed" bid, is received within 48 hours of the bid opening. Facsimile bid deposits are not acceptable. The city shall endeavor to keep bids confidential, but will accept no responsibility for the confidentiality of facsimile bids. All bids or proposals returned by facsimile are understood to incorporate these general specifications.

17. Insurance:

All vendors doing work on city property, except vendors making routine deliveries, shall submit an insurance certificate indicating insurance coverage as per current city requirements.

18. Website:

ci.duluth.mn.us/city/service/purchasing/index.htm